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1. Between 14 and 30 July, the following transports passed through Elsterwerda on their way to the border point Forst:

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15 July	14	Sewing machines, new
18 July	28	Approx. 50 four-to five-ton trucks, new
19 July	14	Centrifuges, new
20 July	16	Precision tools, new
	21	Motocycles, approx. 600, new
28 July	22	Trucks with wooden frames

2. During the same period, the following additional transports of interest passed through Elstewerda to points indicated below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
14 July	32	Anti-aircraft guns, approx. 50	Magdeburg
16 July	48	Infantry troops with light machine guns and rifles, approx. 1,000 men	Wittenberge
	40	Technical and signal troops	Stendal
	18	Spare parts for airplanes	Klotzsche
	22	Civilian internees	Aue
18 July	26	Caucasian mountain troops, approx. 500 men	Wittenberge
	38	Light motorized artillery with approx. 60 guns on self-propelled mounts	Halle
19 July	18	Airplanes repaired	Klotzsche
	32	Engineer troops with equipment	Magdeburg
	28	3/4 ton trucks, new, cross-country	Cottbus
20 July	20	Civilian internees, approx. 400	Freital
	48	Infantry troops, young, approx. 1,000 men	Wittenberge
22 July	32	Light motorized guns, approx. 50	Magdeburg
	18	Artillery troops	Magdeburg
	38	Infantry troops, approx. 800, equipped with rifles	Wittenberge
24 July	28	Light tanks, approx. 50	Stendal
	32	Heavy tanks with crews	Magdeburg
	38	Infantry troops, approx. 800 men	Magdeburg

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Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
26 July	32	Light anti-aircraft guns, approx. 70	Wittenberge
27 July	14	2 airplanes for repair	Rangsdorf
30 July	18	Military personnel going on furlough, without weapons	Bodenbach

From 12 July on, troop transports were observed moving to Wittenberge, allegedly for maneuvers.

3. Between 19 and 31 July, the following east-bound transports moved through Zossen on their way to Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin-Kietz:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
19 July	19	Plaster
20 July	22	Wood for cellulose
21 July	20	RR ties and tracks

4. In addition, the following transports of interest passed through Zossen between 19 and 31 July to the points indicated below:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
19 July	18	Airplanes, repaired	Klotzsche
	16	Heavy tanks, approx. 16	Zeesen
20 July	20	Civilian internees	Freital
21 July	18	Cartridge cases and mine containers	Finsterwalde
	16	Airplanes, single-engine, repaired	Klotzsche
22 July	12	Civilian internees	Baruth
	32	Young infantry troops, approx. 600	Wuensdorf
25 July	18	Trucks, new, capable of cross-country travel	Prenzlau
	22	Airplanes, single-motored, approx. 40	Klotzsche
26 July	22	Munition	Pritzwalk
	30	Signal troops with vehicles and equipment	Wuensdorf
27 July	14	Airplanes, two-motored, to be repaired	Rangsdorf
	42	Infantry troops, approx. 1,000	Perleberg
	48	Vehicles, motorized and horse-drawn	Perleberg
	30	30 very heavy tanks	Zeesen
29 July	28	Infantry recruits, with Soviet machine guns	Wuensdorf
30 July	22	Semi-trailers, American model	Gruenau
31 July	14	Cartridges and containers for mines	Finsterwalde
	18	Russian prisoners	Aue
	14	Light anti-aircraft guns, approx. 25	Eberswalde
	6	Hard metal shells for munition	Finsterwalde

5. With the exception of about 1,500 men, all troops stationed in Wuensdorf had left by the end of July for Mecklenburg to take part in maneuvers. All German civilians returning from internment camps are forbidden to speak about past experiences or to give the name of the locality where they had been interned. It has nevertheless become known that the death rate among men amounted to about 50%, but that their place was filled immediately by new internees.

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6. Between 26 and 31 July, the following transports moved through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
26 July	20	18 medium tanks, accompanied by guards
27 July	55	Scrap iron
28 July	56	Lumber
	110	Cement
29 July	56	Scrap iron
30 July	15	Medium tanks, 15, accompanied by guards
31 July	56	Cement

7. During the same period, 25 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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